29th December 1953]

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Sir, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is not a fact that many employees in the lower grades of the Government service are paid less than the wages fixed for local board employees and if so, whether the Government will look into the matter and do unto their employees what they require the local boards to do to their employees? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" This is a question which has special reference to local boards. The hon. Member is asking for information about some other subject. I should like him to put a separate question so that I may be able to answer it."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" May I know, Sir, why in local boards wages are not being paid according to the Government Order laid on the table of the House in respect of Higher Grade Teachers, Grade III? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" So far as my information goes the Committee that was appointed looked into the question from all aspects and fixed the salary of all categories coming under Grade III at Rs. 40 a month. If the hon. Member points out any particular variation from this, I shall look into the matter."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" May I submit to the Hon. Minister that the teachers in the district boards and municipalities are not paid the salary of Rs. 40 fixed in the Government Order but only paid Rs. 30."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I shall look into the matter, Sir."

Alleged deficit in the Central Co-operative Stores, Arni Branch, North Arcot.

* 19 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM (on behalf of Dr. C. Nathamuni Naidu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries, Labour and Co-operation be pleased to state whether there was any deficit in cash balance at the time of inspection of the Arni Branch of the Central Co-operative Stores, North Arcot, in July 1953 by the Departmental head; if so, how much, and the action taken against the person responsible for it?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A deficit of Rs. 1,900 was noticed in the cash balance of the Arni Branch of the Central Co-operative Stores, North Arcot, when the Secretary of the Stores and the Deputy Registrar visited the Stores on 20th April 1953. The Manager of the branch Sri M. Venkatesan was removed from service by the Stores with effect from 1st May 1953."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" Was the money recovered? "

[29th December 1953

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, it was recovered in full."

Prohibition cases filed in courts.

* 20 *Q.*—SRI M. K. M. ABDUL SALAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of prohibition cases filed in courts from 1st April 1952 to 31st March 1953; and

(*b*) the number of cases that have been dismissed by the courts for want of evidence?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—
" (*a*) 118,234 cases.

" (*b*) 6,888 cases."

SRI M. K. M. ABDUL SALAM :—" Are the Government aware that while dismissing certain Prohibition cases, the magistrates have severely condemned the prosecuting authorities for foisting false cases and if so, what steps have the Government taken against such officials? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—
" The Government have no information to that effect."

SRI M. K. M. ABDUL SALAM :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that a prohibition case was dismissed on the first day of the hearing in Perambalur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, and what steps have the Government taken against the officer for filing such unsustainable cases? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—
" A separate question may be put, Sir."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Questions are over."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.

11-20 a.m. MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The next item in the List of Business is the election of Deputy Chairman.

" Under sub-rule (4) of rule 14 of the Madras Council Rules, I have first to read out to the House the names of the persons who have been duly proposed, together with the names of their proposers and seconders. They are—

Member nominated. (1)	*Proposer.* (2)	*Seconder.* (3)
1 Sri A. M. Allapichai ..	Sri T. G. Krishnamoorthy ..	Sri G. Venkatachalam.
2 Sri A. M. Allapichai ..	Sri M. P. Sivagnana Gramani ..	Sri T. Purushotham.
3 Sri A. M. Allapichai ..	Sri S. Narasapayya	Sri K. Bhashyam.